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N° 2801.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1891.

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Banks.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

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NOTICE.

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The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary, HEAD OFFICE, NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1891.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LEE SING, Esq. LO YUE MOON, Esq. LOU TZO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAVA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1890.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. CO.

THE Undersigned has this day been appointed AGENT of the above Company in Hongkong.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent, Hongkong, 10th July, 1891.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE Undersigned has this day been appointed AGENT of the above Company in Hongkong.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent, Hongkong, 10th July, 1891.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. WILLIAM PENDER MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney, will conduct the business of The Hongkong Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH, Editor and Proprietor, Hongkong, 16th June, 1891.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1891.

Intimations.

CONTRACT FOR DREDGING THE CAMBER AT THE ROYAL NAVAL DEPOT, KOWLOON.

PERSONS desirous of TENDERING for the above are requested to deliver their Tenders Sealed and marked "Tender for Dredging" not later than 10 a.m. on the 24th instant, at H.M. Naval Yard, addressed to the NAVAL STOREKEEPER, for the Officer in Charge of Works.

Specification may be seen and all Particulars obtained on application at the Admiralty Works Office, Royal Naval Yard.

H. M. Naval Yard, 10th July, 1891.

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N O T I C E.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the CITY HALL, TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 4.30 p.m., to take into consideration the appointment of a Consul to represent His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China in Hongkong.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1891.

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NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND for the half year ended 31st March has been declared at the rate of 6.5% per annum. Coupons attached to Gold-Share Warrants may be cashed and dividends on Silver Share Warrants issued locally will be paid on and after 16th July, at the Hongkong Branch Office.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1891.

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THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st July, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st July, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1891.

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of 60 cents per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1891, will be payable on the 20th instant, when Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Agents.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1891.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

PENDING the arrival of the Acting Manager and the Completion of the Bank's Permanent Offices, the PAYMENT of the SECOND CALL of £1 per Share has been POSTPONED until FRIDAY, the 1st July, 1891.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. DOWNES.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1891.

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MOURIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(From J. Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).

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PIANOS and ORGANS, FOR SALE, HIRE, or Purchase by MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

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16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people in the Far East devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade.

THE PIANO, ORGAN & MUSIC WAREHOUSE, Under Hongkong Hotel.

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NOTICE.

THE STORAGE BUSINESS of the Under-

signed has this day been transferred to the WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE CO., LTD.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1891.

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NOTICE.

CRIFFITH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS

Ice House Road are suitably lighted to produce all styles of Portraiture in any weather.

CABINETS from £3 a dozen.

CARTES DE VISITE from 3d a dozen.

LIFE SIZED BUSTS in Colour, or Black & White.

IVORY MINIATURES, £2, £2.

NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG and the Coast. Prints are always ready.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1891.

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HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1891.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A SCRATCH COMPETITION for SPOONS

at the LONG RANGES (800 and 1000 yards)

will take place at Kowloon on SATUR-

DAY, the 18th July, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Conditions to rounds, and a Sighting Shot at each Range.

Competitors will please endeavour to proceed to the Ranges by the Launch leaving Paddy's Wharf at 2.15 p.m.

J. ANDERSON, Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th July, 1891.

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Intimations.

ALES AND STOUTS.

BASS & Co. (bottled by E. & J. Burke).

LIGHT GRAVITY ALE (bottled C. M. & Co.)

PILSENER (Tadkae chop).

MILWAUKEE LAGER.

GUINNESS' STOUTS, E. & J. Burke, Woodfield—C. M. & Co.

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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

Hongkong—13, Queen's Road.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"

Captain J. G. Ollent, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th July, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1891.

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FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Spanish Steamer

"DON JUAN,"

Captain R. Beltran, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BRANDAO & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1891.

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Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
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DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.

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A REFRESHING WHOLESOME DRINK.

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A VERITABLE LEMON SQUASH
AERATED, COOLING, THIRST
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PER DOZEN 50 CENTS.

(Telephone No. 60.)

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
Hongkong, 4th May, 1891. [37]

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MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
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Our New Factory has been recently refitted
with automatic Steam Machinery of the
latest and most approved kind, and
we are well able to compete in
quality with the best
English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the
utmost care and cleanliness are exercised
in the manufacture throughout.

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We continue to supply large bottles as
heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of
our Customers who prefer to have them to the
ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS,
whenever practicable, are despatched by first
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For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
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And all signed messages addressed thus
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No Credit given for bottles that look dirty,
or greasy, or that appear to have been used
for any other purpose than that of Containing
Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used
again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 9th inst., Count CARLO
ROCH, late Commander H.M. sloop *Volturno*.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1891.

This public meeting which has been summoned for to-morrow to consider the question of the establishment of a Chinese Consulate at Hongkong, offers another illustration of the dictatorial manner in which that would-be autocratic institution the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce seeks to conduct its business, for it is now pretty generally known that that body of self-constituted guardians of the public welfare are responsible for the issue of the summons. A brief consideration of the question shows us the inconsistency exhibited by this institution in the treatment of the question, and also in that of the not less important one of Sunday labour. In the latter case great stress has been laid by the Chamber on the indecent haste with which its consideration was hurried through. Surely in the matter of the Consulate they bare their manly breasts to a similar thrust. Now, does the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce claim to represent this community or does it not? If it does, the community has the right to be consulted before the Chamber commits them to sanctioning any such measures as asking the Government to eat their own words and take a back seat in such important questions as the cancellation of the Sunday labour ordinance, or the Chinese Consular appointment? If the members of that institution as a body disclaim the privilege of representing the entire community, then let it be known, and let them stand out as representing the

select circle and interests which they really do. Without repeating the replies we have already given to what has been said by our contemporaries disapproving the Consular appointment, there are one or two additional points in the extract from the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce dated 21st January, 1870 to Lord CLARENCE requiring further remark. The first assertion, therein, contending against the establishment of the Customs here now needs no comment, its fallacies have been practically proved by results. The second assertion disputes the right of China to be treated in all respects like other civilized powers, principally on the ground that all nations having treaties with China have reserved their extra-territorial rights. We fail to see how this fact exactly bears on the right of China to have her own Consul here to watch its commercial interests. From Sir RICHARD MACDONELL's point of view, shared in by the Chamber of Commerce of to-day, "distance lends enchantment to the view" of a Chinese Consul, no doubt, but at same time to deny them the rights they have since acquired because of the proximity of Hongkong to the mainland, when dozens of Consular appointments in similar equally contiguous and important positions and conditions exist, seems totally at variance with any principles of justice, equity, or policy. Who can deny but that the Chinese have commercial interests in this Colony of such magnitude and importance which entitle them to additional safeguards? The objection that the Chinese Consul will act as a spy, or as a special extorter, is in our opinion both silly and to a large extent imaginary. During a period of war, exactions to meet the emergencies of war are the rule, not the exception, and we have yet to learn that, during the two wars with China, Great Britain showed any particular squeamishness in exacting a full measure of dollars out of the Chinese communities along the coast from Canton to Peking.

The Chinese Consul has to co-operate with the British authorities; if he does not, he renders himself liable to punishment entailing degradation, if not something worse, from his own high Authorities, who fully appreciate the advantage of a properly conducted diplomatic and consular service abroad, and have given very practical evidence lately that in order to maintain this branch of their public service on such lines, they will promptly punish delinquents, however high in official standing. As regards the Consul being a spy, what in the name of all that is great has he got to spy out here? Are we frightened at our own shadows? or of our weaknesses being exposed? or of the feebleness and shortcomings of our executive being discovered? and may we, include the Chamber in this? if so we have not much to fear, for these are so potent that those who run may read. If the term "spy" is used in the objectionable sense, as it seems to be intended by the Chamber, it exhibits most lamentable ignorance as well as contemptible meanness. In its broader sense every efficient Consul at his post is above all watchful of everything affecting his nation's interest. What is there in connection with the Chinese population of this Colony which the Chinese authorities now don't already know, or cannot discover if they wish? It is simple non-sense basing arguments on such statements; as anyone knows who has even the most rudimentary knowledge of the Chinese race. Perhaps the richest part of the play is the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, an institution formed on the principles of conserving the self-interests of the few, posing as being influenced by the most intense concern for the welfare of the masses, especially Chinese, both here and on the mainland. We venture to think this platform is too delicately thin to support them. The Chinese, it will be generally allowed, are quite able to support themselves without such extraneous aids as the Chamber of Commerce, however benevolently or subtilly intended. The appointment in our opinion, while in no degree detracting from the position or influence of the British Consul, or interfering with the established procedure of reference to Consular authority at Treaty ports, or with appeal to the Legation at Peking, will materially facilitate the transaction of bona fide commercial business between this colony and the neighbouring provinces. Now, does the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce claim to represent this community or does it not? If it does, the community has the right to be consulted before the Chamber commits them to sanctioning any such measures as asking the Government to

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This man-of-war on the Yangtze, last Thursday, were stationed as follows—At Hankow, *Archibald*, *Manjou*, and *Wolf*; at Kiukiang, *Asphy*; at Wuhu, *Scout*; and at Chinkiang, *Peacock* and *Patos*. The German gunboat *Ullis* left for Chefoo on Sunday.

H.M.S. *Rattler*, Commander J. G. Heugh, arrived in Singapore from Surawak on the 5th inst., and will probably remain until the end of the month.

Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamer *Empress of Japan* has arrived at Yehohong, and left for this port, via Shanghai, to-day.

The Emperor has moved to the Nan-nan gardens for the summer. Proclamations have been posted on all the streets adjoining and near the Imperial quarters, says the *Huao*, warning the residents against making any noise, either with musical instruments, fire crackers, whistling, kites, quarrelling or fighting. Special detachments of patrolling guards have been stationed round the garden walls and instructed to see to the carrying out of the injunctions contained in the proclamations.

The Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin have received the rolling-stock for the railway at Hongkong, and the hydraulic cranes for putting coal aboard ships. There are three locomotives weighing 25 tons each, one of ten tons, two coal wagons to carry eight tons each, two 50-ton hydraulic cranes, one steam crane, etc. The *Independence Tonkinensis* finds comfort in the fact that the work of unloading was completed quicker than that of the loading at London Docks—as though the two operations were equal.

The *Peking Gazette* of the 11th inst. reports the launch of an armoured steamer named the *Kuang-ting*, which was built by the Foochow Naval Yard for the Canton Provincial Government. This vessel is a sister ship to the *Kuang-ting* and the *Kuang-ting*, the launches of which have already been reported. After sacrifices had been offered to the Queen of Heaven, the Spirits of the river, the earth, and of ships, the launch took place on the 11th of April. The length of the new ship is 226 ft., breadth 26 ft., depth 18 ft., 7 in., draught of water 11 ft. 6 in.

A TELEGRAM from the Governor of Nagasaki to the Japanese Minister of State for Home Affairs, dated at Nagasaki, the 30th ultmo., reports that at 1:30 a.m. on the 29th ultmo., the sea broke into No. 4 Gallery of the Takashima Coal Mine, causing the death of twelve men, and that as the flooding subsequently threatened to extend to No. 5 Gallery vigorous measures were in progress to check it. A later telegram states that the leak had been discovered, that measures are being taken to stop it, and that the coal will probably be again workable in from twenty to forty days. The daily output at the mine took up at Wusuh as a warning to other coalminers.

The Shanghai correspondent of the *Amoy Gazette* says—Everybody here is praising the promptness of the American Admiral, George E. Belknap, in this late emergency. He received a cable despatch when at table in Japan, answered it, and at the same moment cabled to two men-of-war of his squadron to proceed immediately to the scene of action. The vessels were on their way over twelve hours before the news of the massacre reached Shanghai. This is in violent contrast with the red-tape policy in Hongkong, where it took 48 hours to get a gunboat started to chase the Naqua pirates. We received news last night (1st inst.) that Belknap had cabled to Washington for five more men-of-war and had been assured by return message that additional forces would be despatched to Asiatic waters. With this heavy armament, the cooler-headed people in Shanghai feel little or no apprehension; but there is considerable nervousness manifested by the more excitable.

AT THE MAGISTRACY to-day Li Yau was charged with breaking into the house of A. F. Soone, in Chancery Lane; stealing a quantity of valuable property; being in possession of house-breaking implements; and returning from banishment. The evidence showed that before daylight this morning he planted a ladder against the house, which is only 17 feet from Victoria Gaol, climbed up to the first floor, and collected all the silver-plated spoons, forks, knives, claret jugs, decanters, butter dishes, etc., too numerous to mention in this small handbill. But it is the early bird that catches the burglar, and a carpenter going to his work at 5 a.m. spotted Mr. W. Sykes departing with the "swag." After a short hunt they ran across a constable, and everything went smoothly. On arriving at the Station the burglar pleaded that he had been taken to the goods in an empty house, He was instantly seized, smeared all over with oil and set on fire. The poor man was literally burned alive. As he lived far from other houses his cries were not heard. And of such is the Kingdom of Kwong St.

IT takes a good deal to make up some alleged blasting in Queen's Road yesterday that they were about to blast. Some of those in the neighbourhood, however, protested against the blasting taking place, and ultimately it was abandoned. Another prints much the same, referring to the brokers' bazaar as a "vigorous protest of respectable citizens," and says the blasting did not come off. It will be news to these people that four charges were fired. Was it the sleepiness of the newspapers, or the excellence of the work?

IN THE PORTUGUESE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES SENHOR FERREIRA ALMEIDA has presented a proposal for the alienation of the province of Mozambique. According to this project the product of the sale of Mozambique, Guinea, Gosa, Macao, and Timor would serve to amortize the public debt. Numbers of deputies hold the same views on the subject as Senhor Ferreira Almeida, and are ready to support him. The *L. & C. Express* points out that so far as Macao is concerned Portugal has no power, by the terms under which she now holds the place, to dispose of the colony to any foreign Power. China could be the only possible buyer of the place, and we do not know what price they are prepared to give.

WHO OWNS THE STREETS OF HONGKONG? Is it Brown, or the P. W. D., or is it the individual who is publicly known and addressed as the Water Authority, or have the rate-payers and the public at large any claim to them? It is high time that this point was definitely settled so that any claims for damages, arising out of injuries that may be sustained by any one who is unfortunate enough to fall into any of the many man-traps that now gape for the unwary, will be borne by the responsible party. The present management of the public streets amounts almost to criminal negligence, and cannot be tolerated any longer. A trench was dug more than a week since through Ice House Lane and still remains open, giving out its malarious exhalations and other poisonous gases, awaiting, forsooth, the pleasure of some official, who in all probability has forgotten its very existence. However, for this man's guidance we may inform him that had an accident which happened to a carriage in Ice House Lane last evening been of a serious nature he would at the present find it difficult to get a doctor to attend him.

THE METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT yesterday afternoon issued the following notice—"The depression appears to have entered Annan. This morning Dr. Dobere reported that the barometer was falling considerably at all stations. At the Magistracy to-day the case of affray between Swatow men and Cantonese on board the *Hawking* three weeks ago was further remanded, as two of the injured men will not be able to leave the hospital for a fortnight longer.

THE MESSAGERS MARITIMES steamers *Melbourne* and *Calcutta* were pretty nearly the only vessels in harbor today that celebrated the 20th anniversary of the destruction of the Bastille, and the obliteration of the monarchial Moloch Louis XVIII. The *Victor Emmanuel* will arrive at Yokohama on the 25th ultmo., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

THE LONDON AND GLASGOW SHIPPING COMPANY are completing two steamers for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, to be named the *E Sang* and *Wu Sang* respectively.

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THE *Singapore Free Press* gives the following details respecting the wreck of the steamer *Marianna* on the Paracels. After the departure of *Marianna* from Hongkong of the mate and six of the crew were the Captain and 14 others left on the vessel. They ran up a big white flag and showed three balls as a signal of distress and kept a sharp look-out for passing vessels. By dint of pumping the water in the after hold was kept down and the condensers were kept at work making fresh water. For fourteen days the weather kept fine, but it was too much to expect that that would continue. They had a large and a small boat, and had made up their minds to trust to these, on the 30th should they not be rescued. On the morning of the 29th a steamer was seen in the offing and on approaching a boat was lowered and came to the *Marianna*. Captain Hansen went on board the vessel, which proved to be the *Lancastor*, bound for Singapore. There he learned that there was little hope of getting assistance from Hongkong, as all the war vessels had gone up North in consequence of the disturbed state of the country. The *Lancastor* had seen the signal of distress and the vessel's mast and had so made for her. The shipwrecked people were taken on board the *Lancastor* and well looked after. The vessel had arrived only just in time, for two hours afterwards heavy weather set in and the *Lancastor* had a rough time of it, passing through a typhoon, which is all probability broke up the *Marianna* and would certainly have proved disastrous to any boat. Nothing else of moment happened. The *Lancastor* arrived at Singapore on the 31st inst.

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cum New Issue—101 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$95 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$63 per share, sales and buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 275 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$315 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$83 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$100 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$34 per share, buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—80 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$131 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—265 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. discount, buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$43 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$187 per share, buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$86 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$88 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$19 per share, ex. div. sales.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$115 per share, buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$21 per share, nominal.
Funjom and Sungkhe Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$0.85 per share, buyers.
Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$8 per share, sales.
Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$300 per share, buyers.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$65 per share, buyers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$48 per share, sellers.
Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.
The Great Island Cement Co.—\$15 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$84 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$6 per share, sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$25 per share, sellers.
The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Lubuk Planting Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
The Seletub Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.
The Salama Tin Mining Co., Limited—75 cents per share, sellers.
The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$15 per share, buyers.
The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—\$17 per share, sellers.
The Bank of China & Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$160 per share, sales and buyers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15 buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—60 per cent. divs., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$250 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/2
Bank Bills, on demand 3/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/3
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/3
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/3
ON PARIS—Bank, on demand 4.08
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.16
On India, T. T. 222
On Demand 222
ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 714
Private, 30 days' sight 714

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Melville*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 13th instant at 10.30 p.m., and is due here on the 19th.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 25th ultimo, leaves Yokohama to-morrow (1st instant) and may be expected here on the 21st.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan*, with the Canadian mail, left Yokohama for Shanghai and Hongkong on the 14th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 10th instant and is due here on the 16th.
The "Shie" line steamer *Lombard* left Singapore on the 11th instant and is due here on the 15th.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombard*, left Bombay on the 9th instant and is due here on the 20th.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

13th July, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Wind.	Wdir.	Wd.	Wdir.	Wd.
Whampoa	22° 10'	114° 10'	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Nagasaki	33° 45'	130° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Shanghai	31° 45'	120° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Foochow	25° 55'	118° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Amoy	25° 55'	118° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Hongkong	22° 10'	114° 10'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
U.S. Cons.	22° 10'	114° 10'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Macao	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Hofow	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Portuguese	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Cape St. James	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE

STATION.	Lat.	Long.	Wind.	Wdir.	Wd.	Wdir.	Wd.
Whampoa	22° 10'	114° 10'	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Tokyo	35° 45'	139° 20'	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Seoul	37° 45'	129° 20'	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Foochow	25° 55'	118° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Amoy	25° 55'	118° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
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Macao	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Hofow	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
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Cape St. James	22° 10'	113° 20'	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE

The British steamship *Thales* reports that she left Taiwanfoo on the 10th instant. Amoy on the 11th, and Swatow on the 12th. Had light variable winds and fine weather to Swatow; thence to port had moderate breeze from north-east to north-west, accompanied with heavy rain at intervals and heavy southern swell.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Yagan* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Thales* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., Australia, India, via Madras, and Mauritius.—Per *Caledonian* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Amoy and Straits.—Per *Nanking* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Don Juan* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Esmeralda* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Decima* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Swatow and Amoy.—Per *Stikas* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Taiwanfoo.—Per *Thales* on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Thales* on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *Oceanic* on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 0.30 P.M.

For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per *Thales* on Monday, the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Parthas* on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Sachsen* on Saturday, the 1st August, at 5.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, C. G. Krudner, 4th July.—Mauritius and Singapore, 10th June, Old Iron—Wielke & Co.

DECIMA, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, 5th July.—Samara, 25th July, General—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, R. Beltran, 13th July.—Manila 10th July, General—Brando & Co.

ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, G. A. Taylor, 13th July.—Manila 10th July, General—Shewan & Co.

FAMA, British steamer, 117, Lieut. Wm. G. Comley, R.N.R.—Hongkong Government tender.

GUTRIE, British steamer, 1,394, P. Helm, 10th July.—Sydney 20th June, Brisbane 2nd, Townsville 24th, Cooktown 27th, and Thursday Island 29th June, Gribble, Livingston & Co.

INDIA, German steamer, 1,503, W. H. Hoge, 14th July.—Whampoa 14th July, General—Messageries Maritimes.

LADEONTE, French steamer, 2,173, Flandre, 14th July.—Shanghai 11th July, Malls and General—Messageries Maritimes.

NAMKIANG, British steamer, 999, Woolridge, 14th July.—Singapore 6th July, General—Chinese.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 845, Bousquet, 14th July.—Haiphong 11th July, General—Messageries Maritimes.

TAIKANG, British steamer, 1,503, W. H. Hoge, 14th July.—Whampoa 14th July, General—Order.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, T. Schall, 15th July.—Honolulu 10th June, Ballast—Wielke & Co.

INGO, German steamer, 672, Jespersen, 11th July.—Tientsin 27th June, and Shanghai 6th July, Bonds—Meyer & Co.

JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, J. G. Ollivant, 11th July.—Calcutta 24th June, Penang 3rd July, and Singapore 5th, Opium and General—D. S. S. Co.

MACDUFF, British steamer, 1,882, E. Porter, 12th July.—Oranien 11th July, Singapore 5th July, General—Order.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, T. Schall, 15th July.—Honolulu 10th June, Ballast—Wielke & Co.

INDIA, British steamer, 1,503, W. H. Hoge, 14th July.—Whampoa 14th July, General—C. Ray.

DORIS, German steamer, 774, J. Raben, 14th July.—Whampoa 14th July, General—Wielke & Co.

CLARA, German steamer, 675, H. Ipland, 14th July.—Haiphong 11th July, General—Chinese.

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